REMARKS

Claims 6-25 had been canceled; Claims 26-30 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-5 and 26-30 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1-5 have been amended.

Support for the claim amendments can be found on page 8, line 19 - page 10, line 7.

Claims 6 and 20 have been canceled; thus, the objections to the drawings and claims are deemed moot.

The antecedent problem in Claim 1 has been corrected; thus, the claim objection is believed to be overcome.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a non-statutory subject matter. Claims 15-25 have been canceled; thus, the § 101 rejection is deemed moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for not particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

The phrase "user-specified" has been removed from Claims 1-5. Thus, the § 112 rejection is believed to be overcome.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Kao et al.* (US 2002/0122553). Applicant respectfully traverses such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Amended Claim 1 (and similarly Claim 26) now recites a step of "providing a plurality of front-end interfaces on a workstation, each corresponds to a type of system resource accessible by a user via said workstation," a step of "in response to an access request to one of said system resources via a corresponding one of said front-end interfaces, retrieving from said password register an encrypted password corresponding to said requested system resource," and a step of "passing said retrieved password from said password registry to said corresponding front-end interface for decryption in order to permit said access request."

The claimed providing step, retrieving step and passing step are not taught or suggested by *Kao*. Because the claimed invention includes novel features that are not taught or suggested by *Kao*, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5 and 26-30 are currently pending in the present application. Applicant believes that independent Claims 1 and 26 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any addition fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against IBM Deposit Account No. **09-0447**.

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